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70. The method of claim 68 wherein generating the deactivation signal comprises measuring the delay time with respect to the transition of the trigger signal at the input node.

71. The method of claim 68 wherein coupling the output node to ground comprises activating a switch coupling the output node to ground in response to the generation of the deactivation signal.

72. The method of claim 68, further comprising precharging the input node to a voltage level representative of the first state prior to the transition of the trigger signal from the first state to the second state. --

REMARKS

Consideration of this reissue application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Applicants are requesting reissue on the basis that the '496 patent is, through error without any deceptive intention, deemed wholly or partially inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than he had a right to claim in the '496 patent. For example, claim 43 of the '496 patent is limited to a method that includes a passgate. However, the applicants have the right to claim that other means may be used in the method for generating a pulse. The assignee offers to surrender the '496 patent once the Examiner has indicated the allowability of all claims associated with this reissue application. The assignee is requesting a reissue of the '496 patent for the invention as disclosed in the '496 patent and claimed in issued claims 1-52 and new claims 53-72.

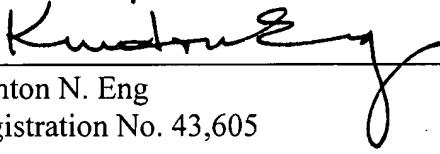
No new matter has been introduced into this application for reissue.

Applicants believe claims 1-72 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

If there are any matters that can be handled in a telephone conversation, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Eng at (206) 903-8718.

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